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PREFACE.

TURNING over the well-known pages of our friend Izaak Walton, as an amusement suited to the season, while a brother of the quill was gone to realize his precepts on a neighbouring river, we could not but be struck with an analogy, if not a resemblance, between our critical occupation and that of the patient angler. Perpetually watching the great stream of literature, we sometimes bring to land a noble fish, which affords us excellent sport, and supplies a pleasing narrative for our friends; while the smaller fry, which for ever play at the surface, and seem to court the hook, are packed together in our basket; and if they prove not fit to make a separate dish, are employed as garnish for their nobler brethren; or, when they appear entirely worthless, are thrown to the cats and dogs, which continually spit and growl beneath the Critic's table. Our Preface is a select feast, made only from the nobler captures; a course of luxuries, to which we now once more invite our readers to sit down. Let us hope that our work may always prove, if not "a rest after tedious study," as Sir H. Wotton said of angling, yet a study not in itself tedious; and in general, according to the remainder of that character, "a cheerer of spirits, a diverter of sadness, a calmer of unquiet thoughts, a moderator of [evil] passions, and a procurer of contentedness*."

* See Iz. Walton. Hawkins's Edit. 1775, p. 43.

DIVINITY.

The faith of the Apoſtles, attacked in every poſſible way by the licence of modern pens, never fails to meet with ſound and able defenders, and "Wiſdom is" ultimately "juſtified of her children." *Dr. Laurence* will always, we doubt not, appear among theſe defenders, and his *Diſſertation on the Logos of St. John** affords a moſt honourable ſpecimen of his ability to inveſtigate and to ſupport the truth. That the Unitarian will yet reſiſt is probable enough; but, whether he ought to reſiſt, let the readers of this tract conſider. In two inſtances we have been lately gratified by excellent lectures in theology. But they are of very different kinds. Thoſe of *Dr. Marſh* † are preparatory to a general courſe of Divinity, and are employed in defining and diſtributing the ſubject, or in conſiderations preparatory to the whole. *Dr. Ireland's Lectures* ‡, calculated for ſtill younger ſtudents, are deſigned to lead them into a view of the ſtruggles of paganiſm againſt the firſt triumphs of the Goſpel, and thus to connect, in one courſe of inſtruction, the knowledge of antiquity and the truths of Chriſtian faith. The Profeſſor will doubtleſs fill up the outline he has given, by a correct and complete inveſtigation, ſo far at leaſt as public lectures will admit; and *Dr. Ireland* has promiſed a ſequel to his volume, in which his young hearers are to be ſupplied with the direct proofs and leading doctrines of our holy Religion. *Mr. Faber's Diſſertation on the Prophecies*, long delayed in our Review for reaſons before aſſigned, has at length been noticed in this volume §; and though we are far from agreeing uniformly with

* No. I. p. 16. Where the name was inadvertently printed *Lawrence*. † No. V. p. 485. ‡ No. VI. p. 485. § No. IV. p. 321.

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the author, we are by no means desirous to withhold from him the commendation which his endeavours demand. The volumes of sacred prophecy are instructive under every contemplation, and unintentional error is much more venial in a Christian, than wilful disregard. The abridgment of *Pearson on the Creed, by Dr. Charles Burney* *, though principally intended as a manual for young people, may be recommended to those of every age. What Burney draws from Pearson, few can be qualified to overlook, in this age of superficial attainment.

In our account of *Sermons*, let us be allowed to begin with those of *Bishop Horsley* †. What we knew and revered in the man is there most luminously exemplified by his writings. Extensive learning, deep penetration, and a powerful talent of reasoning, qualified him to interpret the Scripture in a style which few other divines have been able to attempt; and if he preached dissertations, they were such as it became his situation and abilities to produce, and such as no congregation could hear without improvement. In praising, however, according to their merits, the sermons of our illustrious friend, we would not be thought to depreciate such discourses as those of *Mr. Gisborne* ‡, and *Dr. Finlayson* §. The Apostles themselves differed in their style of preaching and writing; and if one surpassed the rest in energy and profundity, the others had their gifts and graces, which equally became their characters. *Dr. Outram's* volume ‖, besides containing two excellent discourses, has also a classified and authenticated view of the opinions of certain sectaries, on the great doctrines of Religion, which ought to be in the hands of every Clergyman.

* No. VI. p. 584. † No. VI. p. 600. The account is concluded in the present Number. ‡ No. V. p. 511. § No. III. p. 253. ‖ No. II. p. 166.

In ſpeaking of Charges and Diſcourſes ſeparately publiſhed, our attention is forcibly called to that Charge of the learned *Biſhop of Glouceſter*, *Dr. Huntingford* *, which completes his inſtructions to the Clergy, on the ſubject of Ordination. In our 30th Volume, we ſpoke of a Charge, which was entitled "Preparations for the Holy Order of Deacons;" the preſent is a ſimilar book of inſtruction for thoſe who are about to receive the holy order of Prieſts. Both are truly worthy of the learning, piety, and abilities of the Biſhop, and ought to be ſtudied with attention by every candidate. The *Biſhop of Carliſle's Faſt Sermon* † is full of excellent advice, highly adapted to the neceſſities of the time. *Mr. Walker's* Sermon, after the funeral of Biſhop Strachan ‡, contains much more than ſuch a diſcourſe can uſually comprehend; the hiſtorical view of an Apoſtolical Church, with an elucidation of the principles and conduct of its rulers. On the celebration of the royal Jubilee, we have peruſed ſeveral very good diſcourſes; but among them we ought undoubtedly to diſtinguiſh that of the Principal of Mariſchall College, Aberdeen, *Dr. Brown* §. When we meet ſo old a friend, we are happy to find him unchanged in principles and powers. *Mr. Archdeacon Daubeny's Sermon at St. Paul's* ‖, ſuggeſts ſome very important cautions on the ſubject of general education; and the apprehenſions which he expreſſes on the incroachments of latitudinarian ſyſtems, are ſuch as no man can treat with levity, who is not himſelf infected with religious indifference. Other Diſcourſes have been noticed, which might be mentioned here; but we muſt always ſet bounds to an enumeration which, though pleaſing to ourſelves, might to our readers appear tedious.

* No. II. p. 133.
† No. I. p. 83.
‡ No. VI. p. 642.
§ No. VI. p. 648.
‖ No. IV. p. 417.

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METAPHYSICS.

After celebrating various works of *Dr. Kirwan*, for utility and diligence of investigation, we find ourselves obliged to enter into controversy with him, on the first volume of his *Metaphysical Essays* *. He there adopts, and strenuously contends for the ideal system of Berkeley, which we had always been inclined to regard as the dream of philosophical genius. To the arguments of its present advocate we cannot yield our assent, but to deny our respectful notice to a work of so much acuteness, from an author so justly esteemed, is not consistent with our feelings of propriety. The self-taught *Samuel Drew*, in writing on *the Identity and general Resurrection of the human Body* †, has strongly exemplified that talent which nature has made characteristic of his mind; and though we cannot assent to all his notions, we are pleased with the boldness of his attempt in a good cause. It is not often that an anonymous work deserves recommendation, but the *Essays on the Pleasures of Literary Composition* ‡ form an exception: and though we do not agree with the author in all his opinions, we think, that if he has not already a name, he has at least the talents to acquire one.

HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY.

On the former subject we have at present little to say: a *Cursory View of Prussia*, containing the history of its decline and fall §, being almost the only book of that nature which we have lately taken up. It is apparently written by a person well acquainted

* No. V. p. 453. and VI. p. 587. † No. II. p. 112.
‡ No. V. p. 552. § No. I. p. 73.

with the events. *Obſervations on the hiſtorical Work of Mr. Fox*, have alſo a reference to this claſs. They correct ſome miſrepreſentations, and give a new narrative of ſome facts; and proceeding from the pen of the *Hon. George Roſe* *, have the pledge of his well-known accuracy in their behalf.

With Biography our preſent volume opens, and, what is unuſual, with the Life of a Saint, the Corniſh Hermit, *St. Neot* †. But, alas! the pen from which it proceeded will not delight or inſtruct us with any new production! The perſpicacious, active, and well-ſtored mind of *John Whitaker* is removed to another ſtate of being; and aſſociates perhaps with the ſoul of the royal Saint, whom he honoured with his lateſt attention. Another divine, not ſainted by a Pope, but worthy of much more veneration than Popes themſelves have uſually deſerved, is celebrated by *Mr. Churton* ‡. *Dean Nowell*, the learned and pious Catechiſt, one of the fathers of our temperate Engliſh Reformation, is no longer deſtitute of the honour which he had ſo highly deſerved; and the account of him will be found at once elaborate and ſatisfactory. Of General Waſhington, we had already been ſatisfied with a copious Life by *Marſhall*, an American Judge §; but the enthuſiaſm of his countrymen is not ſo eaſily contented. Two other lives of him, by *Aaron Bancroft* ‖, a paſtor, and by *David Ramſay*, a phyſician, have ſince been offered to the world. They have both the merit of being more conciſe than Marſhall's work, and therefore more adapted to common circulation. Of our Engliſh Claſſics every new illuſtration is acceptable, and *Dr. Barret's Eſſay* on the early Life of *Swift* ¶, if it eſtabliſh no very important facts, at leaſt occupies the mind agreeably on the youth of a

* No. II. p. 161. † No. I. p. 1. ‡ No. I. p. 27.
§ See vol. xxxi. p. 369. ‖ No. II. p. 181. both together.
¶ No. III. p. 230.

moſt original writer. Of a very different claſs was the Italian dramatiſt *Alfieri*, but his *Memoirs* written by himſelf* have at leaſt a lively amuſement to offer, and abound with ſingular anecdote. The life of *Apollonius*, as written by *Philoſtratus* †, has little reference to genuine biography; but, as an ancient work, it demands ſome degree of attention, and gives ſcope to learned illuſtration. *Prince's Worthies of Devon* ‡, long a ſcarce book, is now reprinted for the advantage of the curious. They to whom books are valuable, only in proportion as they are ſcarce, will hardly thank the Editors for their trouble. The *Life of Dryden*, by *Walter Scott*, will be mentioned when we ſpeak of the edition to which it is annexed §.

TOPOGRAPHY.

Topography, to be ſeen in perfection, ſhould unite the talents of the biographer, the antiquary, and the touriſt; and when all have taken their turn, an inſtructive and pleaſing work is produced. In *Mr. Illingworth's* account of *Scampton*, in Lincolnſhire ‖, the antiquary a little prevails; but the work is ſuch as liberal readers of every claſs muſt infallibly approve. We have concluded in this volume our accounts of *Mr. Polwhele's* voluminous works on *Devonſhire* ¶ and *Cornwall* **; and we can fairly ſay of them, that, in point of diligent reſearch, and elegant illuſtration, they have ſeldom been ſurpaſſed. *Mr. Meyrick* has rendered to the *County of Cardigan* †† a ſimilar ſervice; and his volume will doubtleſs be commended by thoſe who delight in

* No. I. p. 88. † No. VI. p. 569. ‡ No. VI. p. 680. § See below, p. xvii. ‖ No. III. p. 306. ¶ No. IV. p. 369. ** No. I. p. 23. See vol. xxxiii. p. 321, and xxxiv. p. 490. †† No. IV. p. 342.

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copious information. *Chelsea* has at length found its historian, and *Mr. Faulkner* * has shown, that even those things which are close at our doors, require some antiquary to investigate, and some historian to record them. *Lockie's Topography of London* † is a work of mere reference, without description, and not professing particular research; but it is a guide to strangers, of the completest kind, referring to the name of every place in London in alphabetical order. *Mr. Bigland* describes *the World* ‡ at large, and though the extent of his subject gives more properly another name to his labours, yet, as he stands alone in our present volume, we venture to introduce him here.

Voyages and Travels.

As our countrymen are at present either excluded from France, or shut up in it, we must rely chiefly upon foreigners for reports of its actual state. In this point of view, we are obliged to *Col. Pinkney*, an American, for the account of a tour made by him in 1807 and 1808 §; not that his materials are very important, but that something is contributed, where at present a scarcity prevails. To other Americans, Captains *Lewis* and *Clarke*, we are indebted for a view of the interior of their own continent, and for travels by the *Missouri* and *Columbia* Rivers ‖, where no civilized enquirer had till now intruded upon the retirements of the natives. Their expedition was the same which was less perfectly described by *Gass* ¶, and their route entirely different from that of our countryman, Sir Alexander Mackenzie **. From the accounts of both it is evident, that the

* No. VI. p. 624. † No. III. p. 311. ‡ No. IV. p. 387. § No. II. p. 120. ‖ No. III. p. 247. ¶ See vol. xxxii. p. 504. ** See our xxth volume.

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native Americans are not persons to visit for mere amusement. The Travels of the *Duke de Châtelet* * take us back to the view of Portugal as it was near forty years ago; but the account appears to have been correct when it was given; and for the changes which time and political occurrences have introduced, we must make proportionable allowance. Among slighter sketches of this nature, *Lieut. Steele's Tour in the Atlantic* †, and *Miss Spencer's Summer Excursions* ‡, in our own country, may admit of a cursory notice; if they do not materially instruct, they may at least agreeably amuse, which, if done in a rational manner, is worthy of some commendation.

Philosophy and Natural History.

The *Asiatic Researches* § lead us by an easy transition from the former class to this; being often occupied in the description of new regions, and the objects which they offer to view. Their contents indeed are so extremely various, that they may better connect different divisions than be assigned to any one. We have now concluded our account of the eighth volume. *Mr. de Luc's* elementary work on *Geology* ‖, is an excellent introduction to that now important science, and we rejoice to see the labours of an early coadjutor ¶ so long continued with success. Religion herself is supported by the researches of Mr. de Luc. *Mr. Dalton's Volume on Chemistry* **, is the beginning of a systematic treatise, to be completed when the author may find leisure. It certainly promises well, so far as he has yet proceeded, and

* No. IV. p. 357. † No. III. p. 314.
‡ No. II. p. 189. § No. III. p. 321, and IV. 346.
‖ No. V. p. 497. ¶ See Geological Letters, in our second and subsequent volumes. ** No. III. p. 241.

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we ſhall be glad to ſee the remainder of the work. By the efforts of various naturaliſts, Britiſh Zoology is likely to receive a complete inveſtigation. To the number of labourers in this department, *Mr. Bingley* is now added; and by the plan which he has formed for his *Memoirs of Britiſh Quadrupeds* *, is enabled to add ſyſtematic method to popular illuſtration, without confuſing the one or obſcuring the other. The *Elements* of the Linnæan *Botany*, as lately given in two ſmall volumes, with plates †, are a model of elegance in an introductory work. Very ſeldom have etchings of ſuch freedom and ſpirit been employed to initiate young ſtudents; and the deſcriptive parts are no leſs remarkable for judicious ſelection.

MEDICINE.

Though Medicine has been, for ſo many ages, the ſtudy of the moſt enlightened men, yet improvements are always wanting, and will probably be wanting to the end of the world. Much gratitude is therefore due to thoſe who ſtrike out a novel remedy, which is not only ſupported by reaſon, but confirmed by ſucceſsful practice. Such appear to be the circumſtances under which *Mr. Watt*, a ſurgeon of Glaſgow, has publiſhed his *Caſes of Diabetes*, &c ‡. We have paid to his publication that attention which it ſeemed to demand, and we recommend it to the conſideration of medical practitioners in general. The arduous ſubject of *Inſanity* has been conſiderably illuſtrated by the tract of *Mr. Haſlam* §, who however ſhines much more as a medical attendant, than in the character he occaſionally aſſumes, of a metaphyſical philoſopher. The plan of intro-

* No. V. p. 444.
† No. V. p. 522.
‡ No. II. p. 124.
§ No. V. p. 475.

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ducing *Opium* into the human frame, by means of friction, has been successfully pursued by *Mr. Ward**, of Manchester; and it is not improbable, that in time, the same mode of application will be found practicable with many other drugs. The doctrine of *Muscular Motions* has been ably illustrated by *Dr. Barclay*, of Edinburgh †, the harshness of whose nomenclature, though it may alarm the young student, will not prevent the zealous physician from considering his important opinions. To compress into a neat and convenient form the general maxims of diagnosis and practice is also an arduous task, though of humbler estimation than those of invention and discovery. *Dr. Hooper*, however, has not disdained the employment, and his *Physician's Vade Mecum* ‡ proves, that he was qualified to succeed in it.

LAW.

The *Treatise on Tithes*, which *Mr. Toller* has founded on the researches of *Dr. Woodeson* §, is such a work as must be acceptable, not only to professional men, but to all who have tithes either to pay or to receive. The clearness of its method and the soundness of its authorities give it every title to attention. The privileges of the *House of Commons* having been strangely disputed by those, whose safety depends upon their continuance, *Mr. C. W. Wynn*, in a tract of much research ‖, and by arguments no less sound than learned, has defended the cause of the people against themselves; and shown, that the right assumed is connected with the vital principles of the Constitution. The same doctrine is held by another writer, *Mr. Fleckie* ¶, and the case is in fact so clear,

* No. V. p. 524.
† No. VI. p. 635.
‡ No. IV. p. 416.
§ No. IV. p. 354.
‖ No. V. p. 528.
¶ No. V. p. 529.

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that nothing but a temporary delusion could throw a shade upon it. If the people could any where be made wise enough to know, that their occasional errors must, for their own sakes, be opposed, it would be in England; but while they who have better knowledge, find or fancy an interest in deluding them, that period is but little likely to arrive.

POLITICS.

The same topic might very powerfully be illustrated by the consideration of *Mr. Stephen's* able speech on the *American Overtures**. That honourable Member there demonstrates, that the measure which was then moved to be rescinded, and to render which unpopular incredible pains had been taken, not wholly without success, was the very step which had actually recovered our trade; and without which, or something equivalent, it could not have been restored. Such is the patriotism of invariable opposition to Government! The policy of the American *Cabinet* (if the expression may be used) was further developed by the pen of *a Bostonian* †, who shows us plainly what we have to expect from the disposition of Mr. Madison. But to the pen of another *American* ‡, a Mr. *Walsh*, well known to many leading persons in this country, we are indebted for the most luminous view of the present state of France, that deep political knowledge, and accurate personal enquiry could produce. Qualified as this writer evidently is to pronounce with decision on such subjects, we rejoice in the encomiums which he has voluntarily bestowed upon England; and look forward with earnest anticipation to a more finished political work, which he promises in the present. A

* No. III. p. 262. † No. IV. p. 410.
‡ No. V. p. 433. His name has since been made known.

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kind of abſtract of this Letter was very judiciouſly publiſhed, ſoon after the original appeared, under the title of *England* and *France* *. A few of the ſame truths were explained by our countryman *Mr. Sturt* †, lately eſcaped from the tyranny of Verdun; but his tract, though uſeful in its way, does not, in all reſpects, carry with it an equal authority. The *Principles and Conduct of the War* ‡, were ably elucidated by an anonymous writer, whom we noticed early in the preſent volume; and our domeſtic diſſentions were endeavoured to be counteracted by another writer, aſſuming the title of *Plain Senſe* §. The *Speech* and *Letter* of *Lord Melville* ‖, on important topics of arrangement, particularly relating to naval affairs, could not fail to deſerve attention, and were juſtly recommended to the notice of our readers. Other political tracts, though mentioned with ſome approbation, do not appear ſufficiently important to be again brought forward. They muſt be ſought for in our Monthly Catalogues.

Poetry.

Eſcaping from Politics to Poetry is like going from the Furies to the Graces, a very happy delivery! Here we have only to chooſe among various ſweets; a ſeparate compoſition, or a volume collected. In the former diviſion we notice the *Plants*, by *Mr. Tighe* ¶, an ingenious poem, of which the two firſt Cantos give a pleaſing hope of thoſe which are to follow. But *Mr. Croker's* Lyrical Poem, on the *Battles of Talavera* **, deſerves a more particular diſtinction. Seldom, in this day, do we ſee ſuch

* No. V. p. 527.
† No. IV. p. 402.
‡ No. II. p. 194.
§ No. III. p. 302.
‖ No. IV. p. 405.
¶ No. V. p. 516.
** No. VI. p. 628.

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animated ſtrains, compoſed with ſo much claſſical correctneſs. *Belſour's Spaniſh Heroiſm* *, if more obnoxious to criticiſm, is alſo entitled to the Critic's praiſe; and *Erin*, by *Mr. Smedley* †, though it does not exhauſt, yet indicates and opens a truly noble ſubject. Two poems, which the writers have not choſen to avow, have yet their claim to commendation. Theſe are *the Renovation of India* ‡, written for Dr. Buchanan's prize; and *the Hoſpital* §, a poem on a familiar ſubject, according to the plan of Mr. Crabbe, but not, like his, aſſiſted by the charm of rhyme. Turning to collections of poems, we are reminded of *Miſs Mitford* ‖, whoſe name our compoſitor disfigured, and whoſe verſes, elegant as they are, did not quite eſcape his perverſion. When her name is changed again, we truſt it will be for a better purpoſe. If we might reject a few compoſitions from *Mr. Holloway's* volume, entitled *the Minor Minſtrell* ¶, it would have leſs of the minor character in it; the author is by no means deſtitute of poetical talent, but the frequent operation of his taſte is to depreſs his natural powers. The ſonnets and other *Poems* of *Martha Hanſon* ** have alſo their claims to our praiſe; and the ſpecimens of *Joſeph Blackett's* compoſitions †† juſtify the exertions of Mr. Pratt on his behalf.

We come now to tranſlations, among which ſome of diſtinguiſhed merit have lately come before us. *Mr. Girdleſtone's Pindar* ‡‡, the firſt complete tranſlation in our language of that Poet's remains, is honourable to the talents and learning of the tranſlator; nor is *Mr. Elton's Heſiod* §§ unworthy to take its place in the ſame claſs. To give *the Iliad* in blank

* No. VI. p. 563.
† No. VI. p. 599.
‡ No. III. p. 292.
§ No. V. p. 520.
‖ No. V. p. 515.
¶ No. VI. p. 632.
** No. III. p. 294.
†† No. III. ib.
‡‡ No. V. p. 505.
§§ No. V. p. 517.

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verſe, after the tranſlations which had appeared, was a ſtill more arduous taſk; but *Mr. Morrice** has done credit to himſelf, though he may not have eclipſed his competitors. In tranſlating from a modern poet, *Geſsner*, *Mr. Baker* † diſplayed conſiderable powers; but, if we are not miſinformed, our praiſes can no longer gratify his mind. In the comic drama, appearing as it ought to appear, in verſe, *Sir James Burges* has given new life to a play of Maſſinger; and his compoſition, entitled *Riches* ‡, pleaſed, as it deſerved to pleaſe, the audiences of London.

For the republication of *Headley's* Specimens, accompanied with a life of the elegant and lamented editor, the public owes a real obligation to *Mr. Kett* §, whoſe zeal for his departed friend, though active, is not in any reſpect extravagant. The ſelection of poetry, entitled *Engliſh Minſtrelſy* ‖, is not uncreditable to the taſte of the compiler, and compriſes a few original compoſitions.

Miscellanies.

To this place we have been obliged to reſerve the collected works of *Dryden*; for who ſo various as that copious writer in the exertions of his powerful pen? Nor is the edition which *Mr. Walter Scott* ¶ has prepared, by any means unworthy of the author. Something, in ſo extenſive a work, muſt always be liable to exception; but we examined it without a wiſh to cavil, and gave our ſentiments at large, in a way which we thought likely

* No. IV. p. 368. † No. I. p. 68.
‡ No. VI. p. 634. § No. V. p. 481. Will not Mr. Kett give the public the play of Beaumont and Fletcher, which he poſſeſes in MS.?
‖ No. IV. p. 400.
¶ No. II. p. 97. III. p. 272. V. p. 465. VI. p. 574.

to be useful. Whoever is not envious of their success, must rejoice at the progress of *Mr. Beloe's* volumes on Literature. The *fourth*, which we lately noticed *, is as replete with curious anecdote as the former volumes; and the topics, already announced, promise a continuation not at all inferior. *Mr. Card's Literary Recreations* † are of a different stamp, but by no means deficient in attractions; and *Mr. Blagdon's Flowers of Literature* are continued with the same spirit which they always possessed ‡. Nor is even a Catalogue, well digested, an inconsiderable accession to Literature; as that of *Mr. Harris*, compiled for the *Royal Institution* §, will long continue to evince.

We have many other books to notice, in this concluding section of our Preface, which cannot easily be connected by any natural transition. Such are the *Correspondence of Sir Richard Steele* ‖, which, if we had recollected our former ideas, we should have classed with biographical works, as illustrative of the character of the writer; the *Manual* of various *Essays* ¶, and the *Manual* prepared for *Anglers*, by the ingenuity of Mr. *Howitt* **. Still more heterogeneous are *Mr. Marsh's Introduction to Harmonics* ††, *Mr. Jenning's* tract on *the Dutch* Commissioners ‡‡, the pamphlet of a *Scotch Farmer*, on Landed Property §§, and the *Remarks of Sir Thomas Bernard* on the *New School* ‖‖. Yet all these have, in their various lines, by far too considerable merit to be passed over in silence.

Here, however, we hold our hand. Some minor publications, which we had noted down as worthy of some notice, are so trifling in comparison, that

* No. II. p. 171.
† No. I. p. 54.
‡ No. VI. p. 648.
§ No. I. p. 32.
‖ No. I. p. 89.
¶ No. I. p. 88.
** No. II. p. 199.
†† No. VI. p. 647.
‡‡ No. III. p. 289.
§§ No. IV. p. 375.
‖‖ No. IV. p. 389.

they would rather caſt a ſhade on thoſe which we have mentioned, than be raiſed into conſequence by the diſtinction. They will be found in their reſpective places, with the commendations which they ſeem to deſerve.

Forſitan hæc aliquis, nam ſunt quoque, parva vocabit;
At quæ non profunt ſingula, multa juvant.

To our readers we wiſh pleaſure and advantage from the whole of this volume; and thus we take our leave for another half-yearly period.

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